

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the following paragraphs of the specification.

In the Title

✓ TISSUE STABILIZATION METHOD ~~TISSUE PRESS AND SYSTEM~~

Page 1, between lines 1 and 2 (added in Preliminary Amendment)

B, This application is a continuation of ~~co~~pending Application Serial No. 09/602,743, filed June 23, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,361,565. The aforementioned Application Serial No. 09/602,743 is itself a continuation of ~~co~~pending Application Serial No. 09/263,006 filed March 5, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,132,472. The aforementioned Application Serial No. 09/263,006 is itself a continuation of ~~co~~pending Application Serial No. 08/834,028 filed April 11, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,888,219. The aforementioned Application Serial No. 08/834,028 is itself a divisional of ~~co~~pending Application Serial No. 08/590,193 filed January 23, 1996, now U.S. Patent 5,662,710. The aforementioned Application Serial No. 08/590,193 is itself a divisional of Application Serial No. 08/273,028 filed July 8, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,545,222. The aforementioned Application Serial No. 08/273,028 is itself a divisional of application Serial No. 07/728,247 filed August 12, 1991, now U.S. Patent No. 5,329,846. The benefit of the earlier filing dates of the aforementioned patents is claimed.

Page 10, Lines 25 & 26

B2 Fig. 1 is a ~~top plan~~ an elevational view of a tissue press embodying the present invention;

Page 11, Lines 8 & 9

B3 Fig. 4 ~~illustrates~~ Figs. 4A-4F illustrate a plurality of different forming elements for use in the tissue press of Figs. 1-3;

Page 11, between Lines 13 & 14

B4 Fig. 6A illustrates a tissue press having means for limiting the amount of pressure applied to the tissue;

Page 11, Lines 21 & 22

B3 Figs. 10 and 10A 10A and 10B illustrate an expanding tissue retainer;

Page 20, Lines 11-14

B6 A port 176 in the cylinder 170 is in fluid communication with the forming surface 182 of the second forming element ~~pat~~ 180. Connected to the port 176 is a pressure monitor device shown schematically at 178.

Page 32, Lines 4-14

B7 As a simple example, an expandable retainer 330 (FIG. 10A) with graft tissue 332 therein is placed into a tissue or bone space 334 defined by an edge 336 in host tissue 338. As the retainer 330 imbibes body fluids or water from the host tissue 338, it expands radially outwardly into the tissue or bone space 334 and creates a mechanical interlock (FIG. 10AB). It also expands radially inwardly and clamps on the graft tissue 332. Therefore, the graft tissue 332 is locked into the host site, without the necessity of damaging the tissue further through some other kind of attachment means.

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C1 In the Abstract

Please cancel the abstract and replace with the following:

B8 A method of stabilizing tissue. A first implant is positioned in tissue and a second implant is positioned against the tissue such that a portion of the first implant extends through the second implant. The first implant is expanded to thereby secure the second implant to the tissue.